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(Preparatory Acts)

COMMISSION

Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation on research and development in the field of wood, including cork, as a renewable raw material

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(Submitted by the Commission to the Council on 25 September 1987)

(87/C 282/08)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 235 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas, by Decision 86/235/EEC (1), the Council adopted a research programme on materials (raw materials and advanced materials — 1986 to 1989), which includes a subprogramme on wood, including cork, as a renewable raw material; whereas Article 6 of that Decision authorizes the Commission to negotiate agreements with third States, in particular those involved in European cooperation in the field of scientific and technical research (COST), with a view to associating them fully or partly with this programme;

Whereas, by Decision 87/177/EEC (2), the Council approved the conclusion on behalf of the European Economic Community of the Framework Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation between the European Communities and, among others, the Swiss Confederation;

Whereas this Agreement should be approved;

Whereas the Treaty does not provide the necessary powers,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation on research and development in the field of wood, including cork, as a renewable raw material is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall give the notification provided for in Article 9 of the Agreement (3).

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(1) OJ No L 159, 14. 6. 1986, p. 36.

(2) OJ No L 71, 14. 3. 1987, p. 29.

(3) The date of entry into force of the Agreement will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* by the General Secretariat of the Council.